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HELLO, MY NAME IS _____, I'M CALLING FROM FLEMING & ASSOCIATES, A PUBLIC OPINION POLLING FIRM. WE ARE CONDUCTING A SURVEY HERE IN RHODE ISLAND AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THE YOUNGEST PERSON (male/female) OF VOTING AGE WHO IS CURRENTLY AT HOME A FEW QUESTIONS. (If the youngest person at home is 85, you should still speak to that person.)

Q.1 Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone and if so that you are in a safe place to talk?
Cell phone...**32%** Cell, Not safe place **0%** (Terminate) Not a cell...**68%**

Q. 2 Would state or local records show that you are currently registered to vote at this address, or are you not registered to vote at this time?

Yes, registered.....**100%** (Continue) No, not registered.....**0%** (Terminate) Not Sure.....**0%** (Terminate)

Record respondent's gender (DO NOT ASK) Male...**47.6%** Female.....**52.4%**

Q. 3 What is your age? (Read list)

18 to 39...**21.6%** 40 to 59 **41.7%** 60 or older...**35.7%** Refused....**1%**

Q.4 Generally speaking do you feel things in the State of Rhode Island are moving in the right direction or do you feel that things have moved in the wrong direction?

Right Direction...**31.0%** Wrong Direction...**49.6%** Remained the same (Vol)... **11.9%** Not Sure...**7.4%**

Q.5 How would you grade the public school system in Rhode Island? Would you grade it A, B, C, D or F?

A...**7.2%** B...**29.8%** C...**32.3%** D...**12.9%** F...**6.4%** Not sure...**11.2%**

Q.6 Do you have a child in grade K-12 in Rhode Island?

Yes...**23.6%** (go to Q.7) No...**75.9%** (go to Q.8) Not sure....**5%**

Q.7 How would you grade the school that your oldest child attends? Would you grade it A, B, C, D or F?

A...**34.7%** B...**30.5%** C...**24.2%** D...**5.3%** F...**1.1%** Not sure...**4.2%**

Q.8 Does the Rhode Island Department of Education have too much, too little, or the right amount of oversight over local school districts?

Too much...**21.6%** Too little...**26.3%** Right amount...**22.8%** Not sure...**29.3%**

Q.9 Do you think there is too much emphasis on standardized testing in public schools?

Yes...**67.0%** No...**25.1%** Not sure...**7.9%**

Q.10 The Education Commissioner proposes that public school students have inter-district school choice, if families were free to choose which public school their child attends anywhere in the state, how important would the following be? Would it be very important, somewhat important, not very important or not important at all? (Rotate order)

a. Quality of teaching **95% - 2%**

Very Imp .. **85.4%** Somewhat Imp...**9.4%** Not Very Imp **1.0%** Not Imp at all...**1.0%** Not sure...**3.2%**

b. Curriculum school offers **93% - 3%**

Very Imp .. **69.2%** Somewhat Imp...**23.8%** Not Very Imp **1.5%** Not Imp at all...**1.7%** Not sure...**3.7%**

c. School Performance **95% - 3%**

Very Imp .. **72.7%** Somewhat Imp...**22.1%** Not Very Imp **1.0%** Not Imp at all...**1.7%** Not sure...**2.5%**

d. Extra-curricular activities **88% - 9%**

Very Imp .. **49.6%** Somewhat Imp...**38.2%** Not Very Imp **6.5%** Not Imp at all...**2.7%** Not sure...**3.0%**

e. School Location **84% - 13%**

Very Imp .. **45.2%** Somewhat Imp...**38.5%** Not Very Imp **7.7%** Not Imp at all...**5.2%** Not sure...**3.5%**

Q.11 Rhode Island's Constitution does not guarantee students opportunity to receive an adequate education. Would you favor or oppose amending the State Constitution to make education a fundamental right realizing that such an amendment could result in court cases on how schools are funded and operated and could add to the cost of education?

Favor...**52.4%** Oppose...**34.0%** Not sure...**13.6%**

Q.12 There are many ideas on how to improve the quality of education in Rhode Island's public schools. Please tell me if the following are very important, somewhat important, not very important or not important at all?
(Rotate order)

a. Increase Principals authority on what happens in their school **79% - 18%**

Very Imp .. **47.6%** Somewhat Imp...**31.3%** Not Very Imp **11.7%** Not Imp at all...**6.0%** Not sure...**3.5%**

b. Expand school choice **78% - 18%**

Very Imp .. **39.5%** Somewhat Imp...**38.2%** Not Very Imp **11.7%** Not Imp at all...**6.7%** Not sure...**4.0%**

c. Improving teacher training and professional development **92% - 6%**

Very Imp .. **72.5%** Somewhat Imp...**19.9%** Not Very Imp **4.2%** Not Imp at all...**1.7%** Not sure...**1.7%**

d. Expand programs for under achieving students **93% - 6%**

Very Imp .. **66.7%** Somewhat Imp...**25.8%** Not Very Imp **4.0%** Not Imp at all...**2.0%** Not sure...**1.5%**

e. Higher school and student performance standards **87% - 10%**

Very Imp .. **57.3%** Somewhat Imp...**29.5%** Not Very Imp **7.2%** Not Imp at all...**2.7%** Not sure...**3.2%**

Now I have few quick questions for statistical purposes.

Q.13 Do you consider yourself more of a Democrat or a Republican?

Democrat.....**38.7%** Republican.....**13.6%** Independent (Vol)..... **43.7%** Refused.....**4.0%**

Q.14 Was your total household income last year? **(READ LIST)**

Less than \$25,000.....	10.9%	\$25,000 to \$50,000...	20.8%
\$50,000 to \$75,000...	17.6%	\$75,000 to \$100,000....	9.9%
\$100,000 or greater....	21.8%	Refused (don't read)...	18.9%

That's the end of our interview, Thank you very much.

